

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application: N. HASEGAWA et al
Serial No. 08/904,754
Filed: August 1, 1997

Group Art Unit: 1752
Examiner: S. Rosasco
For: PHOTOMASK AND PATTERN FORMING METHOD
EMPLOYING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 10, 1998

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/904,754, filed on August 1, 1997, entitled PHOTOMASK AND PATTERN FORMING METHOD EMPLOYING THE SAME, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee										\$ 790.00
Total Claims	37	-	20	=	17	x	22	=	\$ 374.00	
Independent Claims	10	-	3	=	7	x	82	=	\$ 574.00	
Total Filing Fee										\$1738.00

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3. A check including the amount of \$1738.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee and Additional Claims.

4. Cancel claims 2-9 before calculating the Filing Fee.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1540. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. ~~08/904,754~~ ^{Now U.S. Patent No. 5,851,703} filed August 1, 1997, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. ~~08/699,732~~ ^{Now U.S. Patent No. 5,656,400} filed August 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,656,400, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/418,402, filed April 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,578,421, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/162,319, filed December 7, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,429,896.--.

7. New drawings are enclosed, four (4) sheets, Figs. 1A-6D.

8. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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The power is combined with the Declaration and appears in the originally filed papers of the prior application.

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 4-326433, filed December 7, 1992.


The certified priority document was filed during prosecution of USSN 08/162,319.

The undersigned hereby declares and verifies that the enclosed application is a true copy of the latest signed prior application Serial No. 08/904,754, as originally filed on August 1, 1997, and no amendment referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter into the prior application.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under

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Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.


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